



RITTENHOUSE ON CRITICISM

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DENVER, Jan. 23.—Commissioner of Insurance E. E. Rittenhouse referring to public criticism on his report of the Provident Savings Life Assurance Society today, made the following statement: "The interests are condemning the Colorado Insurance Commissioner for publishing the true condition of the Provident Savings Society are the very men who have violated their trust by misusing and mismanaging the funds of the policyholders."

"Although the company stopped writing new business on December 2, all officers and salaries are still retained. A motion at the directors' meeting last week to abolish these offices and salaries and to correct this outrage on policyholders, was tested by the vote of the factions. They are neglecting the interest of the policyholders now as they have done in the past. The assets of the society do not contain a single dollar belonging to either faction of the stockholders. They are simply fighting for the privilege of controlling nearly \$9,500,000 of the policyholders' funds. These factions felt their interests demanded the Colorado report be withheld and I believed the interests of the Society and policyholders demanded that it be published."

NORDELL HELD FOR MURDER.

BUTTE, Jan. 23.—A Lewiston special to the Miner says that Sheriff Martin returned from the Schleuter home today, bringing Ole Nordell, as a prisoner. The coroner's inquest resulted in a verdict that the death of Mrs. Schleuter and her four children was by murder by some one unknown and recommending that Nordell be held for the crime. Nordell refused to talk. It is stated that a search of Nordell's place revealed a pair of overalls damp with kerosene and stained with blood and some undergarments stained with blood. The officers are certain kerosene was freely used at the Schleuter home after the widow and children had been slain. The feeling against Nordell along the Musselshell was so strong that the arrival of the officers prevented a possible lynching.

CHILE TO BUILD RAILROAD.

SANTIAGO, Chile, Jan. 23.—Congress yesterday passed a bill authorizing the president to make contracts for a railroad running north and south. The bill limits immediate expenditures to about \$57,500,000 but it is intended that the road eventually will be extended to the northern and southern frontiers.

When completed the railway will run from the frontier of Peru to the Strait of Magellan, a distance of about 2600 miles. Spur lines will be built to coast ports and into mining districts and agricultural areas.

BRYAN AND HARMON.

Enthusiastic Welcome Given Them at
Birmingham—Both Speak.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Jan. 23.—Bryan and Judson Harmon received a remarkable welcome here today. Bryan spoke this morning to an audience which taxed the capacity of the Bijou theatre. Harmon spoke briefly. There was a great demonstration when he was introduced as the "next vice-president."

Bryan, Harmon and Governor Comer spoke tonight at the Board of Trade banquet. The banquet was attended by the most prominent Democrats from all parts of Alabama. In the morning speech Bryan predicted a Democratic victory. The principles of the Democratic party of the past has been vindicated by their adoption by Republicans. "Though the Republican party hatched the Democratic eggs," he said, "Democrats are entitled to some of the credit."

MISSING SINCE JANUARY 15.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 23.—Rennie A. Walker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Walker, of Canton, Ohio, is thought to be lost in the mountains. He has been missing since the morning of January 15.

JOS. F. ULLMAN DEAD

Made and Lost Fortunes Died
Almost Penniless.

RACE TRACK BOOK MAKER

His Last Venture Was Financing the
San Carlo Grand Opera Company
in Which it is Said he Lost \$45,000
Spent Some Time in Sanitarium.

NEW YORK, Jan. 23.—Joseph F. Ullman, the well known racing man, died in a sanitarium at Amityville, L. I., last night as the result of paralysis, from which he suffered for nearly a year. "Joe" Ullman and his two brothers were known as among the most successful bookies in the country and their operations extended from one coast to another. Although he won several fortunes he lost them again and it is said he died almost penniless. His last venture was the backing of an opera company, in which he is said to have lost \$45,000.

Joseph Ullman, who died at Amityville, L. I., last night, was probably better known in Chicago than anywhere else because of his long connection with Edward Corrigan, which covered practically the entire period of racing activity in this city. He started in life as a butcher in St. Louis in company with two brothers, Coley and Alec Ullman but deserted that business early to become a bookmaker. He was a contemporary of Leo Mayer and George Wheeler, in the slate-writing profession. Ullman became associated with Corrigan in the days of the old West Side race-track, before the days of Garfield Park racing. Afterward he went to Hawthorne along with Corrigan in 1890 and his business was the operation of foreign books, which was reputed to have won over \$600,000 in six months.

With the close of the Hawthorne track and the war with Garfield Park, Ullman engaged in the poolroom business.

After the resumption of Chicago racing in the '90s Ullman's association with Corrigan continued without interruption until all racing finally stopped in Cook county. Then he went east and at one time attempted to establish another Monte Carlo on "No Man's Land," an island in Chesapeake Bay. Later on in company with Barney "Kid" Wells, Ullman ran the famous book at the Saratoga track which was known as

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LAND FRAUD DEFENDANTS

Promised Partial Immunity
for Their Testimony.

THEY WILL BE PUNISHED

Manner in Which Prospective
Settlers Were Frightened off
by Butte Creek Co.

CROSS-EXAMINED BY WEBSTER

Special Prosecutor Heney Stated Officially That Pleas of Guilty Would
Not Mitigate Punishment of Crimes
They Had Been Convicted of.

PORTLAND, Jan. 22.—Just before the federal court adjourned for the day, W. W. Steiwer, former State Senator, a member of the Butte Creek Land Livestock & Lumber Company and co-defendant with Hall and Mays and others in the conspiracy case, now undergoing trial, pleaded guilty and took the witness stand in behalf of the government. He had started to relate conversation held with Hall when the session came to a close. Previously H. H. Hendricks had completed the testimony began yesterday and underwent a severe cross-examination at the hands of Judge Webster, counsel for Hall.

Following Hendricks, Clarence B. Zachery, also a stockholder of the Butte Creek Company and who pleaded guilty to having conspired with Hall, Mays, Hendricks, Steiwer and others to defraud the government, testified regarding the character of the land enclosed by the Butte Creek Company and the manner in which prospective settlers were frightened off.

Of apparent importance was his statement that neither he nor so far as he knew, any other official of Butte Creek Company ever received a notification from Hall to remove their fences illegally erected around the government land. Zachary's most interesting statement was that the government had granted Hendricks, Steiwer and himself partial immunity in the present case in consideration of their testifying against Hall and Mays. He said their punishment in the present case is to consist of a \$250 fine and one day in jail.

Hendricks, Steiwer and Zachary are already waiting sentence in the federal court for having suborned Charles A. Watson and others to perjure themselves and thereby defraud the government of public land.

Special Prosecutor Heney, after the adjournment of court, stated unofficially that pleas of guilty in the present case and the assistance these men were giving the government at present would mitigate their punishment for crimes of which they have been heretofore convicted.

TAFT WANTS NO FIGHT.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—In a letter to Chairman Parsons of the Republican county committee of New York, Secretary Taft makes it clear that he does not want his friends to prosecute a campaign against Governor Hughes. He says that he has uniformly urged his friends not to attempt to divide the delegation in his interest and that he will deprecate a contest which might imperil a Republican victory in New York in November.

CORPORATION CONTROL.

CHICAGO, Jan. 23.—A legal issue similar to that involved in the injunction fight between the two factions of the Illinois Central Railroad was presented to Judge K. M. Landis in the United States Circuit court yesterday. He was asked to decide whether an Illinois corporation has the right to acquire and vote stock of another corporation. That is just what Mr. Fish has asked Judge Ball in the superior court to decide. It is now a question which arm of the judiciary will deliver its opinion first.

The action in the federal court is brought by the Chicago Real Estate, Loan & Trust Company against the Standard Oil Company and the Corn Products Company. The charge is made that the concern was endeavoring to absorb the Corn Products Company, whose capital is \$80,000,000.

FARMER BURNS LOSES.

SEATTLE, Jan. 23.—B. F. Roller, of Seattle, took two straight falls in a wrestling match, from Farmer Burns tonight. The time was 70 minutes. Burns seemed to be content to lay on the mat and try to prevent Roller from pinning his shoulders down. It was the most miserably conducted affair of the kind ever pulled off in this city.

VERY SUCCESSFUL

Annual Convention of Western
Stock Show Association.

WILL CONSTRUCT STADIUM

Colonel W. B. Skinner, of the Stock
Yards Company, Offered to Construct
Buildings to Cost in Neighborhood
of \$300,000.

DENVER, Jan. 23.—The Western Stock Show Association met in annual convention last night and elected a board of directors which includes the secretaries of all the large breeders associations. This board will meet on Friday next and select officers for the coming year and an executive committee. The present show was voted the best ever given by the association and second only to the famous international event at Chicago. Plans for improvement of the grounds by the erection of a beautiful stadium for exhibiting prize stock and immense sheds for quartering the animals were decided upon. Colonel W. B. Skinner, of the stock yards company, offered to construct the buildings to cost in the neighborhood of \$300,000, providing a fund of \$50,000 was raised by the association and held in escrow to guarantee reimbursement. This money will be accumulated by means of life membership at a cost of \$100 each. The money paid in for these life memberships will be returned in ten years with interest. The crowds attending the present show have been so large that it was found necessary to repeat the show each day for the benefit of those overflowing and this will be continued through the week.

NO COADJUTOR APPOINTED.

ROME, Jan. 23.—Archbishop Riodan of San Francisco, left for home today without getting from the Pope a decision regarding the choice of a coadjutor in his diocese. The pope is still considering the charges of modernism against Father Hanna of Rochester, New York, who is a candidate for the place.

IN HANDS OF RECEIVER.

BOISE, Idaho, Jan. 23.—The Collins Printing Company, publishing the Boise Sunday Times, established six weeks ago, went into the hands of a receiver today. The publication of the Times will be continued by the receiver for the present at least. J. H. Hatch was appointed to take charge of the plant.

BROWNSON'S CONTENTION

Correspondence Furnished
by Sec. Metcalf.

TO GILL'S RESOLUTION

Says Cable Engineers Are Not
Put in Command of
Cable Ships.

RIXEY REPLIES ON SUBJECT

Divided Authority Leads to Confusion—Nothing in a Medical Man's
Training Which Fits Him to Command
a Sea-Going Ship.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—The Speaker laid before the House today the response of Secretary Metcalf to Gill's resolution calling for the correspondence relative to the designation of staff officers to naval commands. The correspondence is voluminous and includes Admiral Brownson's letter of resignation and his memoranda on the subject. One of the papers is the disapproval of Admiral Converse to placing medical officers in command of hospital ships.

Brownson holds the same view stating that there is nothing in a medical man's training which fits him for such a command. He says existing regulations are sufficient for medical officers to control and care for their department yet the surgeon-general, says Brownson, seems to believe that navigation, safe conduct and general administration of sea-going vessels is secondary as regards the responsibility to command. Telegraph operators, he said, or cable engineers are not put in command of cable ships nor postmasters in command of mailships. Brownson also declares that it is contrary to the law for medical men to exercise military command; divided authority leads to confusion. Experience in the Spanish-American war demonstrates that it is necessary to have a full naval crew and officers and sea-going ships to be efficient, and must be commanded by sea-going officers. A new paper on the subject is the reply of General Rixey to Brownson's statement. Rixey denies ever having asked that navigation be entrusted to medical officers but that sailing masters and crews should navigate ships, only that all orders should pass through the senior surgeon's hands. What follows is practically the same as in Rixey's letter to the President recently made public.

THEATRICAL ORGANIZATIONS

NEW YORK, Jan. 23.—The vaudeville Comedy Club and the "White Rates," organizations composed of vaudeville performers, have appointed committees to confer, with regard to a plan for a working agreement between the two organizations. Now that the competition in the vaudeville business is practically ended so far as the managers are concerned, the performers are of the opinion that a great reduction in salaries will result and the two organizations have therefore practically agreed to combine in an effort to keep up salaries. It is stated by members of the organizations that there is no idea of a strike of performers, but that the joint committee will act as a board of arbitration to settle disputes between performers and managers.

APPROPRIATION BILL.

Occupied Attention of House Today
to Exclusion of All Other Business

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—The urgent deficiency appropriation bill occupied the attention of the House today to the exclusion of all other business. A surprise was sprung when Chairman Tawney of the appropriations committee warned the members that the country was confronted with a certainty of \$100,000,000, deficit unless the estimates for the next fiscal year should be cut down very materially. Tawney's warning was seized upon by Underwood as a text for a lengthy address upon the recent depression. The method of making appropriations was criticised by Keifer, of Ohio, who said it was unbusiness-like. He said if Pearl Harbor and perhaps Manila were properly fortified, it would not be necessary to go to millions of dollars of unnecessary expense to send battleships around the Horn in order that we may show that we have some spirit left if war should come.

LEWIS WINS FIGHT.

NEW HAVEN, Jan. 23.—Harry Lewis, of Philadelphia, knocked out Frank Mantell, of Providence, in the third round tonight.

BUT ONE MORE WEEK

Thaw Trial Will Probably End
in That Time.

PUBLIC IS GETTING WEARY

The Dry Details of the Hypothetical
Questions Put to the Alienists Will
Not Attract General Attention—
Jerome Keeping His Own Council.

NEW YORK, Jan. 23.—The end of the second trial of Harry Thaw, charged with the murder of Stanford White, is in sight. The greater part of the evidence in the case is now in the hands of the jury, and save for the technical evidence of the alienists practically all the testimony that the defense is expected to offer has been given. Two or three physicians who attended Thaw at various times in Europe are expected to testify, their stories having been promised by Mr. Littleton when he opened the case. These witnesses, it is said, may take the stand today. The first of the alienists, Dr. Charles Wagner, has told a portion of his story of Thaw's action in the Tombs after he was incarcerated in the prison, but he will be recalled to the stand and to answer the inevitable lengthy hypothetical question. It is probable he will be followed by over six other alienists, each of whom will be called upon to express an opinion as to Thaw's sanity at the time he fired the shots that cost Stanford White his life. It is not known what District Attorney Jerome and Assistant District Attorney Garvan expect to offer in the way of testimony in rebuttal, but it is not expected that they will have many witnesses. It is likely that several alienists will be called upon to dispute the defendant's experts and some of the minor points of the defense may be questioned or contracted by the prosecution, but there is now little doubt that the case will be finally placed in the hands of the jury by the latter part of next week.

An early adjournment of the Thaw trial was taken today in order to enable the attorney for the defense to prepare a long hypothetical question. At present there seems to be no longer any doubt that next week will bring the case to a conclusion. Two of defense's three alienists were heard today as to the facts of mental and physical examinations made of Thaw after his arrest. No experts for the state have yet appeared.

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